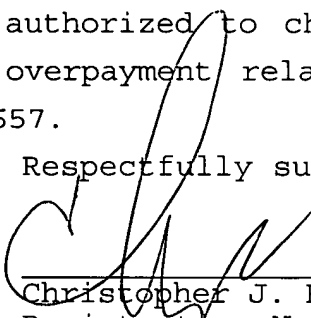


# REMARKS

Claims 1 through 21 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, and 18 have been amended to cover embodiments of the invention of commercial interest. The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or to credit any fee overpayment relating to this matter to Deposit Account No. 01-0657.

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1. (AMENDED) An e-mail access gateway system comprising:

an authorization system receiving an e-mail message and determining whether a reply to the e-mail message is authorized; **[and]**

a reply system receiving the e-mail message and generating a response message if the e-mail message is authorized; **and**

**wherein the response message is transmitted as a response e-mail message to the sender of the e-mail message.**

8. (AMENDED) A method for allowing a user to access data using e-mail comprising:

transmitting an e-mail message containing authorization data to a gateway system;

receiving response data from the gateway system if the authorization data is correct; **[and]**

receiving a general message from the gateway system if the authorization data is incorrect; **and**

**wherein one of the response data and the general message are transmitted in a response e-mail message to the sender of the e-mail message.**

18. (AMENDED) A method for receiving movie data using e-mail comprising:

transmitting movie request data to a functional e-mail address; **[and]**

receiving one or more movie data fields in response to the movie request data; **and**

wherein one of the movie data fields are transmitted in a  
response e-mail message to the sender of the e-mail message.